"राष्ट्रीय सहारा" में तरनतारन (पंजाब) के पूर्व अधीक्षक की मौत के संबंध में प्रकाशित पंजाब के पूर्व पुलिस महानिदेशक के वक्तव्य की ओर दिलाया गया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त वक्तव्य पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है और सरकार द्वारा स्व० संधू (पूर्व पुलिस अधीक्षक, तरनतारन) के परिवार को न्याय दिलाने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मो० मकबूल डार): (क) और (ख) जी हां, श्रीमान्। तथापि, श्री सन्धू की मौत से संबंधित मामले की जांच करने का काम राज्य पुलिस का है। श्री सन्धू की हत्या उग्रवादियों द्वारा किए जाने के आरोपों की जांच राज्य पुलिस द्वारा की जा रही है।

Setting up jails in Delhi

62. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of jails are being set up in Delhi in view of over-crowding in Tihar Jail;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether one of these jails will be exclusively for women; and

(d) if not, the reasons for injustice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) Five new jails are presently under construction in Delhi including four in Tihar Jail Complex and one at Rohini.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Expenditure on SPG cover

63. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the average expenditure being incurred on SPG cover to VVIPs and others annually;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of the VVIPs who have been provided with SPG cover have requested Government for its withdrawl;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOLO DAR): (a) During the last three years the average annual expenditure incurred by SPG on providing security was Rs. 3147.947 lakhs annually.

(b) and (c) A request has been received from Shri V.P. Singh, former Prime Minister and his wife and Shri H.D. Deve Gowda, former Prime Minister for withdrawl of SPG.

(d) The requests of the former Prime Ministers are under examination. Schemes for alternative security based on detailed assessment of threat in their cases are being drawn up.

Rebel Nagas

64. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether rebel Nagas met the then P.M. in Zurich (vide the Pioneer, 10.3.1997);

(b) whether it is a fact that Government sent Mr. Rajesh Pilot for secret talks with Naga rebels in Bangkok (vide the Asian Age, 19.3.1997);

(c) whether Nagaland C.M. has been transfering sophisticated arms to Naga rebels (vide the Hindustan Times, 8.5.1997); and

(d) the legality and propriety of all these dubious transactions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (d) The information is being collected